

秋水仙花生物碱*

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摘要 从云南昭通引种欧洲秋水仙花中分离出 6 个生物碱: 秋水仙碱 (I), 2-去甲秋水仙碱 (II), 2-去甲脱羧秋水仙碱 (III), 2-去甲-17-羟基秋水仙碱 (IV), 2-去甲- β -光秋水仙碱 (V), β -光秋水仙碱 (VI)。

关键词 秋水仙, 生物碱, 秋水仙碱

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Alkaloids from the Flowers of *Colchicum autumnale*

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Abstract This paper reports six alkaloids, colchicine (I), 2-demethylcolchicine (II), 2-demethyldemecolcine (III), 2-demethylcolchifoline (IV), 2-demethyl- β -lumicolchicine (V), and β -lumicolchicine (VI) isolated from the flowers of *Colchicum autumnale* which was introduced from Europe to Zhaotong, Yunnan, China.

Key words *Colchicum autumnale*, Alkaloids, Colchicine

Colchicine (Dewar, 1945), a tropholone alkaloid, is a principal alkaloid that was isolated from *Colchicum autumnale* (Liliaceae). It has a variety of medical purpose in the treatments of goat, breast cancer, skin cancer, leukemia and Hodgkin's disease. Thus much attention was paid to colchicine and its analogues for their strong anticancer activity and special structures (Jitak *et al*, 1993; Brossi, 1990).

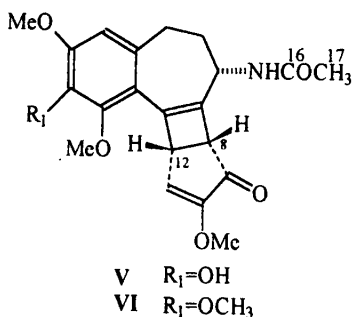
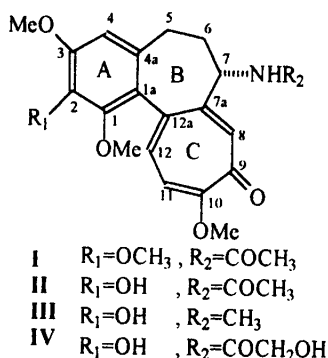
This paper firstly reports the chemical constituents in the flowers of *Colchicum autumnale* which was introduced from Europe to Zhaotong, Yunnan. China. Six alkaloids were separated from the flowers. They were colchicine (I), 2-demethylcolchicine (II), 2-demethyldemecolcine (III), 2-demethylcolchifoline (IV), 2-demethyl- β -lumicolchicine (V), and β -lumicolchicine (VI). They were identified by using IR, ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and MS.

The research results showed the content to colchicine (I) in the flowers was low, and the content of 2-demethyldemecolcine (III) was high.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Compounds I, II, and VI were identified as colchicine (Baytop *et al*, 1980; Meksuriyen *et al*, 1988), 2 - demethylcolchicine (Hufford *et al*, 1979), and β - lumicolchicine (Meksuriyen, 1988; Chapman *et al*, 1963), respectively by comparison of their ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectral data with those of authentic samples.

Compound III $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_5$, M 357. Its IR spectrum (3320 cm^{-1}) revealed the presence of hydroxyl group. The ^1H NMR (δ 4.01, 3.93, and 3.57) and ^{13}C NMR (δ 60.3, 56.2, and 56.1) showed the presence of three methoxyl groups. A report (Hufford *et al*, 1979) suggested that the methoxyl groups at C - 10 and C - 3 can be assigned to the signals at δ 56.3 or δ 56.5, and those at C - 1 and C - 2 can be assigned to the signals at 61.3 or 61.5. So, III is not 3 - demethyl or 10 - demethyl analogue, but 1 - demethyl or 2 - demethyl analogue. The ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of C - 1, C - 2 and C - 3 of III are similar to those of 2 - demethylcolchicine. Thus III was a 2 - demethyl analogue of colchicine. But the difference III from 2 - demethylcolchicine is the presence of NHCH_3 (δ 2.28) and the missing COCH_3 (none of the signals of CH_3 at δ 1.9 - 2.05 in ^1H NMR, and none of the signals of CO about δ 170.0 in ^{13}C NMR). So, III was identified as 2 - demethyldemecolcine.

Compound IV $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_7$, M 401. Its ^1H NMR spectrum (δ 3.95, 3.89, 3.58) and ^{13}C NMR spectrum (δ 56.3, 56.3 and 61.6) showed the presence of three methoxyl groups. Similar to III, IV was a 2 - demethyl analogue of colchicine too. Its IR spectrum (1635 cm^{-1}) showed the presence of -NHCOR at C - 7. However, there was no signals of COCH_3 in ^1H NMR, which indicated that R of -NHCOR was not methyl group. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum (δ 62.3) and the ^1H NMR spectrum (OH of δ 5.92, δ 4.12 and δ 3.92 of - CH_2O) showed the presence of - CH_2OH . Thus, the side chain of IV at C - 7 is - NHCOCH_2OH group. Accordingly, the chemical structure of IV can be determined as 2 - demethylcolchifoline.

Compound V $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_6$, M 385. It was an isomer of compound II. Its ^1H NMR spectrum (δ 3.94, 3.89, and 3.67) and ^{13}C NMR spectrum (δ 60.9, 56.8, 56.2) showed the presence of three

methoxyl groups. Compared with II, V was a 2-demethyl analogue of colchicine also. However, it differed from II in four methine (C₄, C₈, C₁₁, C₁₂). Its ¹H NMR spectrum [6.71(d, 1H), 6.50(s, 1H), 4.13(dd, 1H), 3.63(dd, 1H)], ¹³C NMR(DEPT) spectrum [129.0(d), 108(d), 51.4(d), 43.1(d)], and IR spectrum (1718 cm⁻¹, 1640 cm⁻¹) indicated that V was a lumicolchicine analogue. Furthermore, the signal at δ 4.82(m, 1H) was assigned to C-7, which indicated V was a β-lumicolchicine derivative (Meksuriyen *et al.*, 1988). Accordingly, V was identified as 2-demethyl-β-lumicolchicine.

EXPERIMENTAL

General. Mps.: uncorr.; IR spectra were obtained on a IR-450S spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were measured in CDCl₃ and recorded on a Bruker spectropin AM-400 spectrometer at 400 MHz for ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR(DEPT) using TMS as internal standard. EI-MS were measured on VG Autospec 3000 mass spectrometer at 70 eV accelerating voltage.

Plant material. The flowers of *Colchicum autumnale* L. were collected in Zhaotong, Yunnan, China and identified by Prof. Hu Zhi-Hao.

Extraction and isolation. The powder of dried flowers (600 g) was extracted with C₆H₆ in a Soxhlet apparatus, and the solvent was removed to afford a C₆H₆ extract. The extract was dissolved in H₂O. The H₂O layer was made acidified with 1% H₂SO₄ to pH 2.5, then extracted with Et₂O and CHCl₃ respectively. The CHCl₃ layer was evapd to dryness to give an acid fraction. The acid soln was basified with NH₄OH to pH 9 and extracted with CHCl₃ to give a basic fraction.

The acid fraction was separated on a silica gel column with eluting CHCl₃ by increasing amount of CH₃OH to give twelve fractions. The fifth fraction was further separated by preparative TLC on Al₂O₃ (CHCl₃/CH₃OH = 70:1), which obtained compound VI (6 mg). The sixth fraction was further separated by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/CH₃OH = 60:1), which obtained compound I (60 mg). The eighth fraction was further separated by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/CH₃OH = 40:1), which obtained compound II (57 mg) and V (72 mg). The twelfth fraction was further separated by preparative TLC (CHCl₃/CH₃OH = 25:1), which obtained compound IV (22 mg). The basic fraction was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluting with CH₂Cl₂-CH₃OH(20:1) to afford compound III (450 mg).

colchicine (I): C₂₂H₂₅NO₆, yellow powder (AcOEt-Et₂O), mp 155~156°C. IR_{max}^{KBr} cm⁻¹: 3430, 3300, 2950, 1640, 1618, 1590, 1560, 1490, 1250, 1100, 1020, 1020. EIMS m/z (%): 300(M⁺, 57), 371(16), 356(100). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 8.50(d, 1H, J=6.1Hz, NH), 7.61(s, 1H, H-8), 7.31(d, 1H, J=10.9Hz, H-12), 6.87(d, 1H, J=10.9Hz, H-11), 6.49(s, 1H, H-4), 4.60(m, 1H, H-7), 3.97(s, 3H, OCH₃-10), 3.91(s, 3H, OCH₃-2), 3.89(s, 3H, OCH₃-3), 3.60(s, 3H, OCH₃-1), 1.90~2.50(m, 4H, CH₂-5 and CH₂-6), 1.92(s, 3H, COCH₃). ¹³C NMR data see Table 1.

2-demethylcolchicine (II): C₂₁H₂₃NO₆, yellow powder (CHCl₃), mp 210°C. IR_{max}^{KBr} cm⁻¹:

3400, 2950, 1654. 1610, 1590, 1570. EIMS m/z (%): 385(M^+ , 93), 356(94), 342(67), 298(100). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): 7.75(d, 1H, NH), 7.54(s, 1H, H-8), 7.30(d, 1H, $J=10.8$ Hz, H-12), 6.83(d, 1H, $J=10.8$ Hz, H-11), 6.48(s, 1H, H-4), 4.61(m, 1H, H-7), 3.97(s, 3H, OCH_3-10), 3.89(s, 3H, OCH_3-3), 3.62(s, 3H, OCH_3-1), 1.85 ~ 2.50(m, 4H, CH_2-5 and CH_2-6), 1.93(s, 3H, $COCH_3$). ^{13}C NMR data see Table 1.

2 - **demethyldemecolcine** (III): $C_{20}H_{23}NO_5$, yellow powder ($CH_2Cl_2-CH_3COCH_3$), mp 124 ~ 125°C. $IR_{\max}^{KBr} cm^{-1}$: 3320, 2940, 2842, 1612, 1590, 1560, 1495, 1250. EIMS m/z (%): 357(M^+ , 100), 342(8), 328(23), 298(42), 193(92). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, δ): 7.66(s, 1H; C_8-H), 7.29(d, 1H, $J=10.7$ Hz; $C_{12}-H$), 6.84(d, 1H, $J=10.7$ Hz; $C_{11}-H$), 6.53(2, 1H; C_4-H), 4.01(s, 3H; $C_{10}-OCH_3$), 3.93(s, 3H; C_3-OCH_3), 3.57(s, 3H; C_1-OCH_3), 3.37(m, 1H; C_7-H), 1.71 ~ 2.47(m, 4H; C_5-CH_2 and C_6-CH_2), 2.28(s, 3H; $NHCH_3$). ^{13}C NMR data see Table 1.

2 - **demethylcolchifoline** (IV): $C_{21}H_{23}NO_7$, yellow semi-solid. $IR_{\max}^{KBr} cm^{-1}$: 3400, 1635, 1600. EIMS m/z (%): 401(M^+ , 77), 373(20), 342(57), 298(100). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): 7.74(d, 1H, NH), 7.57(s, 1H; H-8), 7.31(d, 1H, $J=10.8$ Hz; H-12), 6.84(d, 1H, $J=10.7$ Hz; H-11), 6.49(s, 1H; H-4), 5.92(1H, OH), 4.67(m, 1H, H-7), 4.12 and 3.98(2H, $COCH_2OH$), 3.95(s, 3H; OCH_2-10), 3.89(s, 3H; OCH_3-3), 3.58(s, 3H; OCH_3-1), 1.90 ~ 2.50(m, 4H, CH_2-5 and CH_2-6). ^{13}C NMR data see Table 1.

2 - **demethyl- β -lumicolchicine** (V): $C_{21}H_{23}NO_6$, colorless needles (CH_3OH), mp 225°C (sublimation). $IR_{\max}^{KBr} cm^{-1}$: 3400, 1718, 1640, 1610, 1555, 1410. EIMS m/z (%): 385(M^+ , 67), 371(26), 342(100), 328(57). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): 6.71(d, 1H, $J=3.2$, H-11), 6.50(s, 1H, H-4), 6.07(d, 1H, $J=7.1$ Hz, NH), 4.82(m, 1H, H-7), 4.13(dd, 1H, $J=3.2$ and 2.8, H-12), 3.94(s, 3H, OCH_3-1), 3.89(s, 3H, OCH_3-3), 3.67(s, 3H, OCH_3-10), 3.63(dd, 1H, $J=2.8$ and 2.0, H-8), 2.76(dd, 1H, $J=15.8$ and 7.9, H-5), 2.56(dd, 1H, $J=15.8$ and 9.0, H-5), 2.00(m, 2H, H-6), 2.04(s, 3H, $COCH_3$). ^{13}C NMR data see Table 1.

β -lumicolchicine (VI): $C_{22}H_{25}NO_6$, yellow powder ($CH_3COCH_3-CHCl_3$), mp 181 ~ 182°C: $IR_{\max}^{KBr} cm^{-1}$: 3380, 1725, 1630, 1605. EIMS m/z (%): 399(M^+ , 15), 356(100). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): 6.64(d, 1H, $J=3.2$, H-11), 6.45(s, 1H, H-4), 5.93(d, 1H, $J=6.8$ Hz, NH), 4.79(m, 1H, H-7), 4.08(dd, 1H, $J=3.2$ and 2.8, H-12), 3.94(s, 3H, OCH_3-1), 3.85(s, 3H, OCH_3-2), 3.83(s, 3H, OCH_3-3), 3.68(s, 3H, OCH_3-10), 3.59(dd, 1H, $J=2.8$ and 1.9, H-8), 2.73(dd, 1H, $J=15.2$ and 8.0, H-5), 2.58(dd, 1H, $J=15.2$ and 9.2, H-5), 2.05(s, 3H, $COCH_3$), 2.00(m, 2H, H-6). ^{13}C NMR data see Table 1.

Table 1 ¹³C NMR(DEPT) spectral data of compound I - VI in CDCl₃

Assignment	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
C - 1	151.1(s)	144.8(s)	144.2(s)	144.8(s)	145.3(s)	151.8(s)
C - 2	141.6(s)	138.0(s)	138.8(s)	138.0(s)	137.6(s)	140.5(s)
C - 3	153.5(s)	147.7(s)	147.4(s)	147.7(s)	147.1(s)	153.2(s)
C - 4	107.4(d)	106.7(d)	106.5(d)	106.9(d)	108.1(d)	109.4(d)
C - 5	29.8(t)	29.6(t)	29.6(t)	29.6(t)	31.6(t)	31.4(t)
C - 6	52.7(d)	52.7(d)	62.6(d)	37.0(t)	32.3(t)	32.6(t)
C - 7	52.7(d)	52.7(d)	62.6(d)	51.8(d)	51.4(d)	51.5(d)
C - 8	130.4(d)	130.6(d)	131.0(d)	131.1(d)	51.4(d)	51.5(d)
C - 9	179.6(s)	179.5(s)	179.7(s)	179.6(s)	200.8(s)	200.8(s)
C - 10	164.0(s)	164.1(s)	163.8(s)	164.0(s)	157.8(s)	157.9(s)
C - 11	112.9(d)	112.8(d)	112.0(d)	112.8(d)	129.0(d)	128.8(d)
C - 12	135.5(d)	135.0(d)	131.9(d)	135.0(d)	43.1(d)	43.2(d)
C - 1a	125.6(s)	125.0(s)	124.8(s)	125.0(s)	117.9(s)	117.8(s)
C - 4a	134.2(s)	129.8(s)	134.5(s)	129.8(s)	126.1(s)	138.8(s)
C - 7a	152.6(s)	152.2(s)	151.9(s)	151.6(s)	134.5(s)	137.5(a)
C - 12a	137.0(s)	136.6(s)	137.5(s)	136.6(s)	136.8(s)	145.2(s)
C - 1 OCH ₃	61.4(q)	61.2(q)	60.3(q)	61.1(q)	60.9(q)	61.3(q)
C - 2 OCH ₃	61.2(q)	-	-	-	-	60.8(q)
C - 3 OCH ₃	56.1(q)	56.3(q)	56.2(q)	56.3(q)	56.2(q)	56.0(q)
C - 10 OCH ₃	56.3(q)	56.3(q)	56.1(q)	56.3(q)	56.8(q)	56.6(q)
NHCH ₃	-	-	34.0(q)	-	-	-
COCH ₂ OH	-	-	-	62.3(t)	-	-
C - 16	170.0(s)	169.9(s)	-	172.4(s)	170.3(s)	170.2(s)
C - 17	22.6(q)	22.7(q)	-	-	23.4(q)	23.5(q)

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